



Dear parents/carers,

Well done to Year 1 children for settling back into school well. Our teaching assistants this year are Mrs Carr, Mrs Ellis, Miss Lee and Mrs Gill. We are excited to welcome Miss Lee and Mrs Gill to our St Joseph's team!

Although some Year 1s are in different classes (Miss Montgomery/Mrs Walsh) the majority of Year 1 core subjects are taught together. Year 1 in both classes also spend their lunch times together.

Kit

PE will be taught on Tuesday afternoons by our teaching assistants. Please ensure **that children come to school in their PE kit** on this day. We ask that **children bring their own pair of wellies** and if possible a waterproof suit to keep in school (see photo for example). Please remember to send a bottle of **water** and a coat, as the weather gets colder please send in a hat and gloves as we do go outside every day. We provide a daily morning snack however, if you wish to send your child with a snack please make sure it is healthy e.g fruit/veg/crackers etc. Please **label all your children's belongings** as these can be easily mixed up or lost.



Outdoor Learning

It is important that Year 1s continue to spend a lot of time outdoors. Many of Year 1s science objectives will be explored outdoors during our Welly Walk on a Wednesday afternoon.

Topic

Our history/geography focus for the autumn term is 'People Who Help Us'. We will be talking about ourselves, our families, where we live and how to keep healthy and safe. We will be thinking about important people who help us in our community and what their roles include.



Religious Education

In RE we have 3 focus topics as we look forward to Christmas:

Topic 1: Myself

Topic 2: Welcome

Topic 3: Birthdays

Phonics

In Year 1 children learn and apply Phase 5 phonics. Phonics sessions will begin next week. Please continue to support your children by practicing sound mats and reading regularly.

English

Year 1 will continue learning texts through Talk for Writing. Text maps will be sent home for children to practice retelling.

Reading

We cannot stress the importance of hearing your child read regularly at home! Reading plays a crucial part in your child's development. Please continue to read with your child **at least 4 times a week for 10 minutes** as can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school.

Maths

Year 1 will be all be taught together in maths using the White Rose programme. Children will continue to develop and deepen their understanding of number and measure throughout the year.

Home Learning

When phonics teaching begins, Year 1 are asked to read with adults and **practice their daily Phase 5 phonics sound** as often as possible. There will be an **RE and Topic based Knowledge Organiser** given to children in a pink home learning book. Any work completed at home can go in this book. Year 1 will also have weekly spelling to practice and a weekly maths homework which will both have separate books.



Class Dojo

Please continue you to contact me through Class Dojo. If you have any queries, please feel free to message me and I will get back to you as soon as possible from the hours 8am-5pm. Please note **that if your child is ill or there is an emergency you must ring the office directly.**

Please let know if you have any questions!

Best wishes,

Miss Montgomery